UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice SIP-42**

For: ME, NH, NY, and VT State and County Offices, State Foresters, and Service Foresters

Discontinuing Accepting SIP-ICE Fund Code 20 Requests

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs

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1 Accepting SIP-ICE Fund Code 20 Requests

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Background

Notice SIP-38 authorized certain State and County Offices to hold signup periods for remaining unobligated SIP-ICE funds, fund code 20, provided SIP-ICE applications had final performance reported by the participant no later than September 30, 2002.

Section 8001 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Act) repealed SIP.

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Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices and State and Service Foresters to discontinue accepting requests for SIP-ICE fund code 20.

Note: This notice applies to SIP-ICE fund code 20 only. Policy for SIP fund code 00 will be issued in a separate notice. SIP-Fire funds will continue to be administered according to Notice SIP-37. SIP-Pest funds will continue to be administered according to Notice SIP-40.

C Action

State Offices shall inform County Offices, and State Foresters should inform Service Foresters, that after October 1, 2002, requests for SIP-ICE fund code 20 assistance will no longer be accepted.

Advise applicants that Section 8001 of the Act repealed SIP.

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Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2004	Above State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and State Forestry

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Contact

If there are questions about this notice:

- County Offices shall contact the applicable State Office
- FSA State Offices shall contact Ilka Gray, CEPD, at 202-720-5784
- FS or State Forestry Offices should contact Regional FS Offices
- Regional FS Offices should contact Hal Brockman, FS, at 202-205-1694.

2 SIP-ICE Fund Code 20 Management

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Returning Unobligated or Deobligated SIP-ICE Funds

Report the amount of unobligated or deobligated funds according to Notice SIP-38.

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Using Fund for Errors, Omissions, or Appeals Using remaining unobligated SIP-ICE fund code 20 funds for any approved producer appeals, errors, or omissions may only occur after approval is received from the FS National Office through the State Forester.

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State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- review this notice with STC and DD's
- ensure that all County Offices receive a copy of this notice
- follow action items in Notice SIP-38.

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State Forester Action

State Foresters should ensure that all Service Foresters are aware of the provisions of this notice.

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County Office Action

County Offices shall advise:

- COC of the policy in this notice
- producers, by all available means, that SIP-ICE fund code 20 requests will no longer be accepted.

D Service Forester Action

Service Foresters should advise producers, by all available means, that SIP-ICE fund code 20 requests will no longer be accepted.

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